

ABSTRACT

A laser bar is soldered to a conventional microchannel copper heat sink whose
5 coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) is locally modified in the area where the laser
bar is soldered to better match the CTE of the laser bar. A strip of ceramic material
having a CTE lower than that each of the laser bar and of the copper heat sink is
soldered to portions of the metallic heat sink located adjacently to the surface area
on which the laser bar is located. The inclusion of the ceramic strips enables a laser
10 bar having a nominal CTE of $6.6 \times 10^{-6}/K$, to be soldered directly to a copper heat
sink having a nominal CTE of $16.5 \times 10^{-6}/K$ without incurring thermal distortions at the
interface that would limit the useful life of the laser bar.

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